



Grants, Resources and Notices from the Federal Government

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This following is intended to provide the public with basic information of potential federal assistance and funding opportunities. Those interested in these or similar programs should contact the appropriate federal and state agencies for detailed information.

This list is not exhaustive but representative of various funding opportunities, resources and notices from the Federal Government of interest to the Fifth District. This information is subject to change and additional requirements, restrictions and guidance may apply.

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United States Department of Treasury

Special Tax Incentives for Small Businesses to Hire New Workers

A variety of business tax deductions and credits were created, extended and expanded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), this year's Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment (HIRE) Act and the Affordable Care Act. Because some of these changes are only available this year, eligible businesses only have a few months to take action and save on their taxes. Here is a rundown of some of the key provisions.

For more info:

<http://www.irs.gov/irs/article/0,,id=223909,00.html>

United States Department of Treasury

Public Comment Period for New Rules of Tax Exempt Hospitals

Notice 2010-39 solicits comments regarding the application of certain requirements imposed by section 501(r), newly added to the Internal Revenue Code (Code) by the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*, Pub. L. No. 111-148.

Section 501(r) affects hospital organizations that are currently described in section 501(c)(3) of the Code as exempt from Federal income taxation. It imposes four additional requirements that "hospital organizations" must satisfy, but does not otherwise affect the substantive standards for tax exemption that hospitals are required to meet under section 501(c)(3).

The additional requirements are:

1. Conduct a community health needs assessment every three years and adopt an implementation strategy to meet community health needs that are identified. A \$50,000 excise tax is imposed on hospital organizations that fail to meet this requirement.
2. Establish a financial assistance policy and a policy relating to emergency medical care.
3. For individuals eligible for assistance under the organization's financial assistance policy, limit amounts charged for emergency or other medically necessary care to no more than that generally billed to individuals having insurance.
4. Forego extraordinary collection actions against an individual before the organization has made reasonable efforts to determine whether the individual is eligible for assistance under the organization's financial assistance policy.

These additional requirements apply to:

1. an organization that operates a facility required by a State to be licensed, registered, or similarly recognized as a hospital; and
2. any other organization that the Secretary determines has the provision of hospital care as its principal function or purpose constituting the basis for its exemption under 501(c)(3).

For more info:

<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-10-39.pdf>

United States Department of Treasury
The Affordable Care Act – Learn about the tax provisions of recent health care legislation

Presented by IRS Live
Small Business/Self-Employed Division
Date: September 9, 2010 (archived* for later viewing)
Time: 2 p.m. Eastern

This FREE webinar is for:

- Tax Professionals
- Small business owners

Learn about Affordable Care Act including:

- Current tax provisions
- What IRS is doing to educate the public
- Where to find future updates

Earn Continuing Professional Education credit:

- Enrolled agents receive one CPE credit for participating for a minimum of 50 minutes from the start of the webinar.
- Other tax professionals may receive credit if the webinar meets their organization's or state's CPE requirements
- To receive credit, you must attend the live webinar on September 9, for a minimum of 50 minutes. Register for the webinar using your e-mail address and use the same e-mail address when you log in to attend. This will confirm your attendance and generate your Certificate of Completion.
- Groups can not register with one e-mail address and then receive separate Certificates. If certificates are needed, each person *must* register separately.
- Only September 9, 2010 participants will receive credit. If you do not need a certificate to obtain CPE credit, you may choose to view the archived version of the webinar. Watching the archive **does not** qualify you to receive a certificate of completion
- Look for your Certificate of Completion by e-mail approximately **one week** after the webinar. If you have met all requirements, you will receive your certificate automatically.

How to register for the session:

<http://www.visualwebcaster.com/IRS/70323/reg.asp?id=70323>

For more info:

Visit www.irs.gov and search Webinars for information on other programs available. If you experience difficulty viewing the event, please use the e-mail option on the event page or call 866-956-4770. The event will be archived for later viewing.

United States Department of the Treasury
IRS Offers One-Time Special Filing Relief Program for Small Charities

Small nonprofit organizations at risk of losing their tax-exempt status because they failed to file required returns for 2007, 2008 and 2009 can preserve their status by filing returns by **Oct. 15, 2010**, under a one-time relief program, the Internal Revenue Service.

Two types of relief are available for small exempt organizations – a filing extension for the smallest organizations required to file [Form 990-N, Electronic Notice \(e-Postcard\)](#), and a [voluntary compliance program \(VCP\)](#) for small organizations eligible to file [Form 990-EZ](#), Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax.

Small organizations required to file Form 990-N simply need to go to the IRS website, supply the eight information items called for on the form, and electronically file it by Oct. 15. That will bring them back into compliance.

For more info:

[IRS website](#)

United States Department of the Treasury
IRS Removes Debt Indicator for 2011 Tax Filing Season

The Internal Revenue Service today announced that starting with next year's tax filing season it will no longer provide tax preparers and associated financial institutions with the "debt indicator," which is used to facilitate refund anticipation loans (RALs).

So far this year, more than 95 million tax returns have been e-filed, representing more than 70 percent of tax returns. The IRS has been reviewing refund settlement products, such as RALs and Refund Anticipation Checks (RACs), as part of the Return Preparer Review released in January. Specifically, the IRS announced that it would study refund settlement products.

RALs are loans secured by a taxpayer's anticipated tax refund. Currently, tax preparers who electronically submit a client's tax return receive in the acknowledgment file an indication of whether an individual taxpayer will have any portion of the refund offset for delinquent tax or other debts, such as unpaid child support or delinquent federally funded student loans. This acknowledgment is known as the debt indicator, and is used as an underwriting tool for RALs.

The IRS announcement would remove the debt indicator starting with the upcoming 2011 tax filing season. The IRS noted that taxpayers will continue to have access to information about their tax refunds and any offsets through the "Where's My Refund?" service on IRS.gov.

RACs are temporary bank accounts established on behalf of a taxpayer into which a direct deposit refund can be received and out of which a bank typically issues a payment to the taxpayer. With both RALs and RACs, tax preparation and product fees are subtracted directly from the refund, and the taxpayer does not make any "out-of-pocket" payments. They are frequently marketed to taxpayers who do not have cash to pay for professional tax preparation services.

In a related effort, the IRS plans to explore the possibility of providing a new tool for the 2012 tax filing season to give taxpayers a mechanism to use an appropriate portion of their tax refund to pay for the services of a professional tax return preparer. The IRS plans to engage with taxpayers, consumer advocates and the tax return preparer community to consider whether providing this option would be a cost-effective way for consumers to pay for tax return preparation services.

For more info:

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=226310,00.html>

U.S Department of Agriculture
People's Garden School Pilot Program

The People's Garden School Pilot Program provides grants to develop and run community gardens at eligible high-poverty schools. The purpose of the program is to:

- teach students involved in the gardens about agriculture production practices, diet, and nutrition;
- contribute produce to supplement food provided at eligible schools, student households, local food banks, or senior center nutrition programs; and
- conduct an evaluation of funded projects to learn more about the impacts of school gardens.

Application deadline: **October 8, 2010**

Kinds of Organizations Eligible:

Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations, including community and faith based organizations, gardening, horticultural, and agricultural organizations, and end hunger organizations; public agencies; and colleges and universities

For more info:

http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/outreach/grants/garden_rfa.pdf

U.S Department of Agriculture
Renewable Energy Feasibility Grants

The Rural Energy for America Program will provide funds to agricultural producers and rural small businesses to conduct feasibility studies for renewable energy systems. The Rural Energy for America Program is designed to help agricultural producers and rural small businesses reduce energy costs and consumption and help meet the nation's critical energy needs. The grants are awarded on a competitive basis and can be up to 25% of total eligible project costs. Grants are limited to \$50,000 for renewable energy feasibility studies.

Application deadline: **October 5, 2010**

Kinds of Organizations Eligible:

Eligible applicants are agricultural producers and rural small businesses. All agricultural producers, including farmers and ranchers, who gain 50% or more of their gross income from the agricultural operations are eligible. Small businesses that are located in a rural area can also apply. Rural electric cooperatives may also be eligible to apply

For more info:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-19335.pdf>

United States Department of Veterans Affairs
Grant Program for Non-Profit Housing Providers for Homeless Veterans

The Department of Veteran Affairs' Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program facilitates "permanent, transitional, or temporary housing and ongoing case management and treatment services for homeless veterans." To help Veterans obtain residential stability, the VA sets aside annual funding to community agencies and non profits that provide housing or supportive services to homeless Veterans.

Grant and Per Diem Funding

The funding program has two opportunities for non profits, including a grant and a per diem award:

- The VA's Homeless Providers Grant can be used for construction, renovation, or acquisition of a building that will provide services for homeless Veterans. Grant recipients must match 35% from external funding

sources. The grant may not be used for operational costs - like salaries - but grant recipients can apply for the per diem funds to offset related expenses.

- Unlike the grant, Per Diem funds are paid to specifically defray operational expenses. According to the VA, most grant awardees also apply for – and receive - per diem funds. If you want to apply for per diem funding, but your organization is not a grant awardee, you can still submit your application under a “Per Diem Only” request. Per Diem Only applicants must show that at least three-quarters of those receiving supportive housing or homeless services from your organization are Veterans.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants for the Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program must meet certain eligibility criteria:

- Non-profit organizations, state and local government agencies, or Indian Tribal governments planning to start new programs that provide supportive housing or supportive services for homeless Veterans
- Organizations with supportive housing programs for periods of up to 24 months or service centers that provide education, crisis intervention, counseling towards specialized audiences
- 75% of clients served must be Veterans
- Eligible non profits must have designated non-profit standing from the IRS.

For more info:

<http://www1.va.gov/HOMELESS/GPD.asp>

United States Department of Health and Human Services
Recent Grant Notices

For more info:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=AGENCYSEARCH&agency=HHS>

United States Department of Health and Human Services
Certification of Health IT

Certification of Health IT will provide assurance to purchasers and other users that an EHR system, or other relevant technology, offers the necessary technological capability, functionality, and security to help them meet the meaningful use criteria established for a given phase. Providers and patients must also be confident that the electronic health IT products and systems they use are secure, can maintain data confidentially, and can work with other systems to share information. Confidence in health IT systems is an important part of advancing health IT system adoption and allowing for the realization of the benefits of improved patient care.

Eligible professionals and eligible hospitals who seek to qualify for incentive payments under the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs are required by statute to use Certified EHR Technology. Once certified, Complete EHRs and EHR Modules would be able to be used by eligible professionals and eligible hospitals, or be combined, to meet the statutory requirement for Certified EHR Technology.

For more info:

<http://healthit.hhs.gov/certification>

United States Department of Health and Human Services
Healthcare Workforce Training Grants

Funds will Support Programs to Train Nurses, Geriatric Specialists and Improve the Performance and Recruitment of Underrepresented Minority Students

HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius today will announce \$159.1 million in grants to health care workforce training programs. These grants build on the multimillion dollar investments made under the Affordable Care Act and Recovery Act to strengthen and grow our primary care workforce. The grants will target three types of programs: Nursing Workforce Development programs; interdisciplinary geriatric education and training programs; and Centers of Excellence programs for underrepresented minority students.

Nursing Workforce Development

Nursing Workforce Development programs will receive \$106 million in grants to support all levels of nursing education.

- **Advanced Education Nursing (\$42 million)** supports 153 infrastructure grants to increase advanced education to train nurses as primary care providers and/or nursing faculty.
- **Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship (\$16 million)** supports 351 schools of nursing and individuals preparing for careers as nurse specialists, requiring advanced education.
- **Nurse Anesthetist Traineeship (\$1.3 million)** funds 83 nurse anesthetist training programs to provide traineeships that pay tuition, books, fees, and a living stipend for registered nurses who have completed at least 12 months in a master's or doctoral nurse anesthesia program.
- **Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention (\$29.9 million)** supports 108 infrastructure grants to expand the capacity of the nursing pipeline, promote career mobility for individuals in nursing, prepare more nurses at the baccalaureate level, and provide continuing education training to enhance the quality of patient care.
- **Nursing Workforce Diversity (\$14.3 million)** supports 44 grants that increase nursing education opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, including racial and ethnic minorities underrepresented among registered nurses.
- **Faculty Development: Integrated Technology into Nursing Education and Practice Initiative (\$2.5 million)** supports nine grants for faculty development projects in information and other technologies to expand the capacity of collegiate schools of nursing to educate students for 21st century health care practice.

Interdisciplinary Geriatric Education and Training

Eighty-five awards totaling \$29.5 million will fund three geriatric education and training programs at accredited health professions schools.

- **Geriatric Education Centers (GEC) (\$17.2 million)** supports 45 awards to improve training of health professionals in geriatrics; develop curricula relating to treating health problems of the elderly; and support faculty training and continuing education for health professionals in geriatric care.
- **Geriatric Training for Physicians, Dentists, and Behavioral and Mental Health Professionals (GTPD) (\$8.1 million)** supports 13 grants to geriatric training projects that will train health professionals who plan to teach geriatric medicine, geriatric dentistry, or geriatric behavioral or mental health.
- **Comprehensive Geriatric Education Program (CGEP) (\$4.2 million)** supports 27 grants for projects to train and educate individuals in providing geriatric care for the elderly, including curriculum development, faculty training and continuing education for geriatric providers.

Centers for Excellence Grants

Eighteen awards totaling \$23.6 million were announced to support Centers of Excellence programs that are designed to improve the recruitment and performance of underrepresented minority students preparing for health professions careers. The awardees are schools of allopathic medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, and allied health (including designated Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs); graduate programs in behavioral health; and other public and nonprofit health or educational organizations.

For more info:
<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/>

United States Department of Health and Human Services
Early Retiree Reinsurance Program

Employers who offer health coverage to early retirees can begin applying for help with the costs. The Early Retiree program under health reform is good for our employers and good for Americans who retire before age 65. Americans deserve access to quality, affordable health insurance at every age and every stage of life – and employers deserve the financial relief to do right by their employees while competing in the global marketplace.

The Early Retiree Reinsurance Program will invest \$5 billion in financial assistance for employer health plans offered to early retirees. This initiative will provide premium relief for employers while increasing access to high-quality medical coverage. As the President of Business Roundtable has said, 'The Early Retiree Reinsurance Program reduces costs and allows many of our member companies to continue providing this critical coverage to retirees and their families.'

The Early Retiree program will provide an important bridge for early retirees and their former employers as we move toward a more competitive, patient-centered health care system in 2014, when the Health Insurance Exchanges begin.

For more info:

<http://www.hhs.gov/ociio/>

United States Department of Health and Human Services
New Access Points Program

The New Access Points (NAP) Program will provide grants to support the establishment of new service delivery sites for medically underserved populations to receive comprehensive primary and preventive health care services.

Application deadline: **November 17, 2010**

Kinds of Organizations Eligible:

Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations and public agencies

For more info:

<https://grants.hrsa.gov/webexternal/FundingOppDetails.asp?FundingCycleId=450970E7-563E-4D2D-A021-5C775F7F614E&ViewMode=EU&GoBack=&PrintMode=&OnlineAvailabilityFlag=True&pageNumber=1>

United States Department of Health and Human Services
Affordable Care Act - Consumer Assistance Grants

The Affordable Care Act provides consumers with significant new protections including the ability to choose a health plan that best suits their needs, to appeal decisions by plans to deny coverage of needed services, and to select an available primary care provider of their choosing. The new Consumer Assistance Grants program will provide nearly \$30 million in new resources to help States and Territories educate consumers about their health coverage options, empower consumers, and ensure access to accurate information. Grants will be made available to support States' efforts to establish or strengthen consumer assistance programs that provide direct services to consumers with questions or concerns regarding their health insurance.

All States and Territories may apply for these grants, which will help expand consumer assistance efforts on the State level, including:

- Helping consumers enroll in health coverage;
- Helping consumers file complaints and appeals against health plans;
- Educating consumers about their rights and empowering them to take action; and
- Tracking consumer complaints to help identify problems and strengthen enforcement.

Applications are available now by visiting www.Grants.gov and searching for CFDA number 93.519.

More info:

<https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=11720>

Application deadline: **September 10, 2010**

Kinds of Organizations Eligible:

State insurance departments, State attorneys general offices, independent State consumer assistance agencies, or other State agencies.

For more info:

<https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=11720>

United States Environmental Protection Agency
2010 Environmental Research Grant Announcements

2010 Science to Achieve Results (STAR) Research Grants EPA Grants

- Environmental Factors in the School Environment Influencing Children's Health and Performance - Opens May 2010
- Understanding Day Care Environments of Children - Opens June 2010 - Postponed until 2011
- [Black Carbon's Role In Global To Local Scale Climate And Air Quality](#) - **Open: May 19, 2010 - Closing: September 22, 2010**
- Dynamic Air Quality Management - Opens October 2010
- Coarse Particulate Matter - Opens November 2010
- Tribal Environmental Health Science - Opens March 2010 Postponed until 2011

2011 EPA and Other NCER Environmental Research Competitions

- 8th Annual P3 Awards: A National Student Design Competition for Sustainability Focusing on People, Prosperity and the Planet - Opens September 2010

2011 EPA Environmental Research Fellowships

- Fall 2010 EPA Science To Achieve Results (Star) Fellowships For Graduate Environmental Study - Opens: Summer 2010
- Fall 2010 EPA Greater Research Opportunities (GRO) Fellowships for Undergraduate Environmental Study - Opens: Summer 2010
- Learn more about [Fellowships](#)

For more info:

<http://www.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/#CurrentStar>

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Reducing Public Exposure to Indoor Pollutants

EPA Region 9 is soliciting proposals from eligible entities for projects in Region IX to support demonstration, training, outreach and/or education projects to reduce exposure to indoor pollutants for K-12 schools and homes. These projects are expected to achieve environmental results in one or more indoor air quality priority areas as outlined in Section I.B. of this Request for Proposals (RFP). Proposals may address more than one area. Projects funded under this RFP must be carried out within the jurisdiction of EPA Region 9, which consists of the states of California, Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada, and the Pacific Islands (U.S. territories of Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and other unincorporated U.S. Pacific possessions). EPA Region 9 is the lead region for the Navajo Nation; accordingly, this RFP addresses work anywhere in the Navajo Nation regardless of state boundaries.

Application deadline: **October 18, 2010**

Kinds of Organizations Eligible:
State and local governments

For more info:
<http://www.epa.gov/region9/funding/indoorair.html>

United States Environmental Protection Agency
FY2011 National Environmental Information Exchange Network Grant Program

The EPA, states, territories, and tribes are working together to develop the Exchange Network (EN), a secure, Internet- and standards-based way to support electronic data reporting, sharing, and integration of both regulatory and non-regulatory environmental data. EN Partners exchanging data with each other or with EPA, should make the Exchange Network and the Agency's connection to it, the Central Data Exchange (CDX), the standard way they exchange data and should phase out any legacy methods they have been using. More information on the Exchange Network is available at www.exchangenetwork.net

Application deadline: **November 5, 2010**

Kinds of Organizations Eligible:
States

For more info:
http://www.epa.gov/exchangenetwork/grants/FY_2011_Exchange_Network_Solicitation_Notice.pdf

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Market Based Approaches to Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions through Energy Efficiency in Homes

The Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Protection Partnerships Division seeks proposals from eligible entities to advance national, regional, state, and local energy efficiency programming. Proposals must demonstrate the potential to create a sustainable change in the housing and building market for energy efficient products, services, and best practices. Proposals must address the following components:

- 1) identify unique constituencies and approaches or channels for working with stakeholders;
- 2) demonstrate an understanding of the technologies and market structure for delivery of the technologies, or best practices, to end users;
- 3) identify market barriers to greater adoption of energy efficient technologies, or best practices; and
- 4) delineate strategies for overcoming barriers identified.

Application deadline: **September 2, 2010**

Kinds of Organizations Eligible:
Governments and institutions of higher education

For more info:
www.epa.gov/air/grants/cpppd_marketbased_rfp_7-13-10_final.pdf

United States Department of Agriculture
Hunger-Free Communities Grants

The Department of Agriculture will issue grants to establish hunger-free communities and learn more about effective strategies to reduce hunger in the United States. The program has two models of grants: planning and assessment grants and implementation grants.

Application deadline: **September 1, 2010**

Kinds of Organizations Eligible:

Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status

For more info:

http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/outreach/documents/hfc_rfa.pdf

**United States Department of Homeland Security
Grants**

Grant guidance for the following programs has been released.

For more info:

<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/index.shtm>

**United States Department of Homeland Security
FEMA Grant Opportunities**

Homeland Security Grant Program Overview

One of the core missions of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is to enhance the ability of state, territory, tribal and local governments to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from potential terrorist attacks and other hazards. FEMA's comprehensive suite of grant programs is an important part of the Administration's larger, coordinated effort to strengthen homeland security preparedness for the risks associated with potential terrorist attacks and other hazards. These programs implement objectives addressed in a series of post-9/11 laws, strategy documents, plans and Homeland Security Presidential Directives (HSPDs). The Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) is comprised of five related grant programs:

Grant Program	Purpose	Eligible Applicants	Program Awards
State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)	This core assistance program provides funds to build capabilities at the state and local levels and to implement the goals and objectives included in state homeland security strategies. Consistent with the <i>Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Act of 2007</i> (Public Law 110-53) (9/11 Act), states are required to ensure that at least 25 percent of SHSP appropriated funds are dedicated towards law enforcement terrorism prevention-oriented planning, organization, training, exercise and equipment activities, including those activities which support the development and operation of fusion centers.	All U.S. states and territories	Funds were allocated based on two factors: DHS' risk methodology and minimum amounts as legislatively mandated.
Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)	The UASI program focuses on enhancing regional preparedness in major metropolitan areas. The UASI program directly supports the National Priority on expanding regional collaboration in the <i>National Preparedness Guidelines</i> and is intended to assist participating jurisdictions in developing integrated regional systems for prevention, protection, response and recovery. Consistent with the 9/11 Act, states are required to ensure that at least 25 percent of UASI appropriated funds are dedicated towards law enforcement terrorism prevention-oriented planning, organization, training, exercise and equipment activities, including those activities	The 64 highest risk urban areas were eligible for funding under the FY 2010 UASI program.	The ten highest risk urban areas, designated Tier I Urban Areas, were eligible for \$524,487,600. The remaining 54 urban areas, designated Tier II Urban Areas, were eligible for \$308,032,400. Funds were allocated based on DHS' risk methodology and effectiveness.

	which support the development and operation of fusion centers.		
Operation Stonegarden (OPSG)	The intent of OPSG is to enhance cooperation and coordination among federal, state, territorial, tribal and local law enforcement agencies to secure the United States, to include travel corridors in states bordering Mexico and Canada, as well as states and territories with international water borders.	Local units of government at the county level and federally-recognized tribal governments in the states bordering Canada (including Alaska), southern states bordering Mexico and states and territories with International water borders.	Funds were allocated based on risk-based prioritization using U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP's) sector-specific border risk methodology to include, but not limited to: threat, vulnerability, miles of border, and other border-specific law enforcement intelligence. Each applicant's final funding allocation was determined using a combination of the results of the risk analysis and feasibility of FY 2010 Operations Orders.
Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS)	The MMRS Program supports the integration of emergency management, health and medical systems into a coordinated response to mass casualty incidents caused by any hazard. Successful MMRS grantees reduce the consequences of a mass casualty incident during the initial period of a response by having augmented existing local operational response systems before the incident occurs.	124 MMRS eligible cities	Each of the 124 MMRS jurisdictions received \$317,419 to establish or sustain local capabilities.
Citizen Corps Program (CCP)	The Citizen Corps mission is to bring community and government leaders together to coordinate community involvement in emergency preparedness, planning, mitigation, response and recovery.	All U.S. states and territories	CCP allocations were determined using the <i>USA PATRIOT Act</i> formula, which specifies that all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico receive a minimum of 0.75 percent of the total available grant funding, and that four territories (American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands) receive a minimum of 0.25 percent of the total available grant funding.

For more info:

<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hsgp/index.shtm>

United States Department of Homeland Security
Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Grant Programs Directorate is responsible for the implementation and administration of the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants. SAFER grants provide financial assistance to help fire departments increase their cadre of frontline firefighters or to rehire firefighters that have been laid off. The goal is to assist local fire departments with staffing

and deployment capabilities so they may respond to emergencies whenever they occur, assuring their communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards. SAFER offers grants to support activities in two categories: (1) Hiring of Firefighters and (2) Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer Firefighters.

Deadline: **September 17, 2010**

Kinds of Organizations Eligible:

County, City, and other local governments

For more info:

<http://www.firegrantsupport.com/>

Small Business Administration

Economic Injury Loans

SBA's disaster loan program is the only form of SBA assistance not limited to small businesses. Disaster loans from SBA help homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and nonprofit organizations fund rebuilding. SBA's disaster loans are a critical source of economic stimulation in disaster ravaged communities, helping to spur employment and stabilize tax bases.

What Types of Disaster Loans are Available?

- Home Disaster Loans – Loans to homeowners or renters to repair or replace disaster damaged real estate or personal property owned by the victim. Renters are eligible for their personal property losses, including automobiles.
- Business Physical Disaster Loans – Loans to businesses to repair or replace disaster-damaged property owned by the business, including real estate, inventories, supplies, machinery and equipment. Businesses of any size and most private, non-profit organizations are eligible. Non-profit organizations such as charities, churches, private universities, etc., are also eligible.
- Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) – are working capital loans to help small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, and most private, non-profit organizations of all sizes meet their ordinary and necessary financial obligations that cannot be met as a direct result of the disaster. These loans are intended to assist through the disaster recovery period.

Individuals and businesses may obtain information and loan applications by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for people with speech or hearing disabilities) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EDT, or by sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Deadline: **December 29, 2010**

For more info:

<https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>

Small Business Administration

Small Business Innovation Research / Small Business Technology Transfer

PHS 2008-02 Omnibus Solicitation of the NIH, CDC, and FDA for Small Business Innovation Research Grant Applications
PHS 2008-02 Omnibus Solicitation of the NIH for Small Business Technology Transfer Grant Applications

Receipt Date(s): **December 5**

For more info:

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/sbirsttr1/2008-2_SBIR-STTR-topics.pdf

Small Business Administration
Patriot Express Loan Initiative

In just three years' time, the U.S. Small Business Administration's Patriot Express Pilot Loan Initiative has supported nearly \$500 million in Patriot Express loans to small businesses owned and operated by veterans, reservists and their spouses.

Patriot Express Loans, which can be used to start or expand a small business, increased over the past two years due in part to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which raised loan guarantees to 90 percent, and temporarily eliminated fees for borrowers on all SBA loans. To date more than 6,000 loans have been made.

Patriot Express was launched June 28, 2007, to expand upon the nearly \$1 billion in loans SBA guarantees annually for veteran-owned businesses. SBA also offers counseling assistance and procurement support each year to more than 200,000 veterans, service-disabled veterans, reservists and members of the National Guard.

Patriot Express is a streamlined loan product based on the agency's highly successful SBA Express Program, but with an enhanced guaranty and interest rate. Patriot Express loans are offered by SBA's network of participating lenders nationwide and features one of SBA's fastest turnaround times for loan approvals. Patriot Express loans are available for up to \$500,000.

The Patriot Express loan can be used for most business purposes, including start-up, expansion, equipment purchases, working capital, inventory or business-occupied real-estate purchases. Local SBA district offices can provide lists of Patriot Express lenders in their areas. Patriot Express is available to military community members including veterans, service-disabled veterans, active-duty service members participating in the military's Transition Assistance Program, Reservists and National Guard members, current spouses of any of the above, and the widowed spouse of a service member or veteran who died during service, or of a service-connected disability.

For more info:

www.sba.gov/patriotexpress

Small Business Administration
The Small Business Advocate

The monthly newsletter for Small Businesses.

For more info:

<http://www.sba.gov/advo/july10.pdf>

Small Business Administration
Guarantees on Pools of Portions of Eligible 504 First Mortgage Loans

The U.S. Small Business Administration today announced the first nine loan pool originators authorized by the agency to assemble and sell pools of 504 program first mortgage loans, a major step to jump-starting a secondary market that should make fixed asset financing more widely available for small businesses.

Prior to the recent disruption in the credit market, a private secondary market for these loans existed, but has not revived as the economy has started to rebound. SBA expects this new program to breathe new life into that secondary market and improve access to credit for small businesses by providing a resource that can help boost liquidity to small business lenders. Under the program, the SBA will provide a government guarantee on pools of portions of eligible 504 first mortgage loans assembled by approved pool originators to be sold to third-party investors. Lenders will retain at least 15 percent of each individual loan, pool originators will assume 5 percent of the risk, and the SBA will guarantee the remaining 80 percent.

Typically, a 504 project includes three elements: a loan (or first mortgage) secured with a senior lien from a private-sector lender covering up to 50 percent of the project cost, a second mortgage secured with a junior lien from a Certified Development Company (backed by a 100 percent SBA-guaranteed debenture) covering up to 40 percent of the cost, and a contribution of at least 10 percent equity from the small business borrower.

Under the new program, portions of the senior liens are pooled by pool originators and sold to investors in the secondary market. To be eligible to be included in a pool, the first mortgage must be associated with a 504 loan disbursed on or after February 17, 2009. The program **will be in place until February 16, 2011**, **OR** until **\$3 billion in new pools** are created, whichever occurs first.

For more info:

<http://www.sba.gov/aboutsba/sbaprograms/elending/secondarymarket/index.html>

Small Business Administration
Export-Oriented Podcasts now available

The U. S. Small Business Administration is now offering a new set of three export-oriented podcasts offering valuable information on issues and challenges small business exporters may find when dealing with specific countries.

The podcasts, featuring interviews with business representatives from Uganda, Cameroon and Bahrain, are part of a comprehensive effort by SBA to promote and support the President's National Export Initiative. The interviews focus on what U.S. companies can expect when exporting to those countries and provide information relevant to their respective business and import environments.

The podcasts on Uganda and Cameroon include interviews with two women business owners who are members of the African Women's Business Network, an organization that supports a network of businesswomen's organizations in Africa. The podcast on Bahrain features an interview with an official of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce.

The podcasts are available online at

<http://www.sba.gov/tools/audiovideo/Podcasts/index.html> and include transcripts. They provide valuable information on country infrastructure, types of U.S. products and services in demand, cultural tips on how to do business, and other relevant issues.

In addition to the new online tools, SBA resource partners – Small Business Development Centers, Women's Business Centers and SCORE – as well as U.S.

Export Assistance Centers are available to assist small businesses who are interested in exporting in every U.S. state and territory. These resource partners can help entrepreneurs identify potential export markets, facilitate export transactions, develop links between United States small business and prescreened foreign buyers, advise on participation in international trade shows, assist in obtaining export financing and developing or reorienting marketing and production strategies. In addition to counseling resources in every state and territory there are export specialists available at the eight International Trade Export Assistance Centers and SCORE online international trade advisers.

There are 19 U.S. Export Assistance Centers located in major metropolitan areas throughout the United States. USEACs are one-stop shops ready to provide small- or medium-sized businesses with personalized local export assistance by professionals from the U.S. Small Business Administration, the U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. Export-Import Bank and other public and private organizations. For more information on USEACs, please visit

<http://www.sba.gov/aboutsba/sbaprograms/internationaltrade/useac/index.htm>

Small Business Administration
Webinar on Disaster Recovery Assistance for Business Owners

How do you apply for a U.S. Small Business Administration disaster loan? What are the loan limits? Can the SBA disaster loan help with those losses not covered by your insurance?

Get answers to those and other questions during a webinar on Understanding Disaster Assistance Funding with the SBA hosted by Agility Recovery Solutions on **Tuesday, August 24 at 2 p.m., EDT**. During the live, interactive webinar James Rivera, SBA's associate administrator for the Office of Disaster Assistance will explain how the loan program works, how a disaster declaration is made, and the steps to take to apply for a loan.

SBA has partnered with Agility Recovery Solutions to offer business continuity strategies for small business owners. Since 1953, the SBA has provided more than \$48 billion in disaster recovery assistance to 1.9 million homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes in the form of long-term, low-interest loans.

WHO: James Rivera, SBA Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Assistance

WHAT: The Understanding Disaster Assistance Funding with the SBA webinar will begin with a presentation by Rivera on SBA's disaster assistance program, to be followed by an online question and answer session.

WHEN: 2:00—3:00 p.m. EDT

HOW: Register in advance for Understanding Disaster Assistance Funding with the SBA by visiting Agility's "Prepare My Business" website at www.preparemybusiness.org/education.

For more info:

www.preparemybusiness.org

General Services Administration
Mentor-Protégé Program offers Small Businesses Government Contract Opportunities

The General Services Administration (GSA) offers a Mentor-Protégé Program that is specifically designed to encourage prime contractors to help small businesses be more successful in government contracting and enhance their ability to perform successfully on government contracts and subcontracts.

The program is intended to encourage large and small companies to foster and establish long-term relationships and, ultimately, increase the number of small businesses that receive GSA prime contract and subcontract awards.

To be eligible for selection as a protégé, a firm must be a small business, small disadvantaged business, women-owned small business, HUBZone small business, veteran-owned small business, or service-disabled veteran-owned small business that meets the definition of a small business concern outlined at FAR 19.001, based on their primary North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code.

SBA Small Business Matchmaking Sessions

The U.S. Small Business Administration will host a mentor- protégé small business matchmaking session **Aug. 23** just prior to the 28th annual **National Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week** conference, which runs **Aug. 25-27**, 2010 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C.

During the mentor-protégé conference, small business owners can connect with mentors – virtually and face-to-face – and learn about government contracting, financial, technical and management assistance, as well as joint- venture opportunities.

The day-long conference will also include workshops on "Succeeding in a Tough Construction Market" and "SBA Surety Bond." Small businesses interested in participating in the matchmaking events can register at sba.mybusinessmatches.com. For more information on other MED Week workshops, or to register for the conference, visit www.medweek.gov.

For more info:

http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/contentView.do?contentType=GSA_OVERVIEW&contentId=28410

United States Department of Education
Technology and Media Services for Individuals with Disabilities

The purposes of the Technology and Media Services for Individuals with Disabilities program are to: (1) Improve results for children with disabilities by promoting the development, demonstration, and use of technology; (2) support educational media services activities designed to be of educational value in the classroom setting to children with disabilities, and (3) provide support for captioning and video description of educational materials that are appropriate for use in the classroom setting. In the context of this notice, educational materials for use in the classroom setting include television programs,

videos, and other materials, including programs and materials associated with new and emerging technologies, such as CDs, DVDs, and other forms of multimedia.

Application deadline: **October 12, 2010**

Kinds of Organizations Eligible: State and local governments

For more info:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-19959.pdf>

United States Department of Commerce
New England Bay Watershed Education and Training Program

The New England Bay Watershed Education and Training Program funds environmental education programs that promote locally relevant, experiential learning for elementary and secondary students. A funded project must provide meaningful watershed educational experiences for students, related professional development for teachers, and support regional education and environmental priorities in New England.

Application deadline: **October 8, 2010**

Kinds of Organizations Eligible:

Elementary and secondary schools, institutions of higher education, community-based and non-profit organizations, government agencies, and interstate agencies in New England

For more info:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=55961>

Middle East Partnership Initiative
U.S. – North Africa Public-Private Partnership

The Office of the Middle East Partnership Initiative (NEA/PI) announces an open competition for projects that support a new public-private partnership developed by the State Department's Bureau of Economic, Energy and Business Affairs (EEB) in cooperation with the Bureau of Oceans, Environment, and Science to foster economic opportunity in North Africa. The Administration has underscored the need to engage youth, support economic opportunities, and develop new partnerships.

Application deadline: **September 1, 2010**

Kinds of Organizations Eligible: non-profits and Public and private institutions of higher education

For more info:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Ty20MtYh4Y22zn4Z0sm2XcvcYJvyrNNN1FspJv7L89J2d6kLT116!97035526?oppld=56712&mode=VIEW>

National Endowment for the Arts
Grants Available for Arts on Television and Radio

The National Endowment for the Arts seeks to make the excellence and diversity of the arts widely available to the American public through nationally distributed television and radio programs. Grants are available to support the development, production, and national distribution of radio and television programs on the arts. Priority will be given to artistically excellent programs that have the potential to reach a significant national audience, regardless of the size or geographic location of the applicant organization. Only programs of artistic excellence and merit, in both the media production and the subject, will be funded.

Application deadline: **September 2, 2010**

Kinds of Organizations Eligible:

Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status, units of state or local government; or federally recognized tribal communities or tribes

For more info:

<http://www.nea.gov/grants/apply/RadioTV/index.html>

National Endowment for the Humanities
Picturing America School Collaboration Projects

Building on the national distribution of Picturing America, the National Endowment for the Humanities invites proposals for local and regional projects that foster collaboration between elementary and secondary school teachers and humanities scholars to encourage engagement with the rich resources of American art to tell America's story. Picturing America School Collaboration Projects grants are designed to help teachers incorporate Picturing America images into the teaching of core subjects. These images will help students better understand America's diverse people and places and connect them to the nation's history, which is reflected in the themes of Picturing America: Leadership, Freedom and Equality, Democracy, Courage, Landscape, and Creativity and Ingenuity. The goals of the Picturing America School Collaboration Projects grants are to:

- strengthen understanding of the connections between great works of American art and significant events, themes, and topics in the American experience;
- encourage local and regional collaboration between teachers and humanities experts who can bring appropriate knowledge to the integration of American artworks in core subjects;
- foster discussion of how to use Picturing America images among teachers within a locality or region; and provide access to rich scholarly resources and primary materials that support teaching.

Application deadline: **October 7, 2010**

Kinds of Organizations Eligible:

Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status and state and local governmental agencies

For more info:

<http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/PASCP.html>

National Institute of Museums and Libraries
2011 Conservation Project Support (CPS) Program

The purpose of the Conservation Project Support (CPS) program is to help safeguard the collections housed in the nation's museums so that current and future generations can learn from and gain access to the rich artistic, cultural, and scientific heritage represented by these collections. To achieve this purpose, IMLS awards matching grants to help museums identify their conservation needs and priorities and to help them ensure the safekeeping of their collections by implementing sound conservation practices.

Through the Conservation Project Support program, the Institute awards matching grants of up to \$150,000 to help museums identify their conservation needs and priorities, and to aide them in the safekeeping of their collections through the implementation of sound conservation practices.

The Institute funds conservation activities for all types of collections through the six CPS categories: General Conservation Survey, Detailed Conservation Survey, Environmental Survey, Environmental Improvements, Treatment, and Training

Webinar link: <http://instmus.acrobat.com/cps-applicants/>

September 2, 2010 at 3 pm Eastern Time

Application deadline: **October 1, 2010**

Kinds of Organizations Eligible:

Museums. This also includes zoos, aquaria, science centers, and botanical gardens. They must be nonprofits or entities that are run by state or local governments.

For more info:

http://www.ims.gov/applicants/guidelines/cps_index.shtm

National Institute of Museums and Libraries
American Heritage Preservation Grants

This public-private partnership will fund the preservation of endangered and fragile art works, rare books, scientific specimens, and historical documents (photographs, maps, deeds, etc.) held in small and medium-sized museums, archives, and libraries.

The grants of up to \$3,000 are aimed at completing stand-alone conservation projects that convey the essential character and experience of the United States. For questions about museum projects, please contact Christine Henry, senior program officer, at 202-653-4674. For questions about library or archival projects, please contact Kevin Cherry, senior program officer, at 202-653-4662

Application deadline: **September 15, 2010**

Kinds of Organizations Eligible:

Museums. This also includes zoos, aquaria, science centers, and botanical gardens. They must be nonprofits or entities that are run by state or local governments.

For more info:

www.ims.gov/collections/grants/ahpg.htm

Department of Housing and Urban Development
Choice Neighborhoods FY2010 NOFA Pre-Notice

On May 21, HUD issued a "pre-notice" for its upcoming NOFA for the Choice Neighborhoods demonstration program. The \$65 million program is funded through a set within the HOPE VI account. Its goal is to transform high-poverty neighborhoods by revitalizing severely distressed public and/or other HUD assisted housing and supporting investments to ensure quality services, schools, public transportation and access to jobs. Eligible applicants include local governments, PHAs, non-profits or public-private partnerships.

The pre-notice is intended to help potential applications to prepare for the NOFA and describes the types of grants HUD intends to award, its timeline, eligibility criteria and selection process. Applicants will have **60 days** to submit an application after the NOFA is published sometime this summer. HUD will fund two types of grants – planning grants and implementation grants – using two competitive rounds. It expects to award \$3 million in planning grants of up to \$250,000 – all to be awarded in the first round. It expects to award \$62 million in implementation grants (for applicants that already have done comprehensive planning), using the first round to narrow the field to about 10 finalists and the second round to make actual awards to two or three.

For more info:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa10/choiceprenote.pdf>

BE PREPARED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF GRANTS:

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) is the primary source of federal grants program information, although actual funding depends upon annual congressional budget appropriations. The Catalog is available free full-text on the Internet at <http://www.cfda.gov/> and allows searching by keyword and by various indexes such as department, agency, program, subject, beneficiary, and applicant eligibility.

Federal grant funding opportunities are posted on the website **Grants.gov** <http://www.grants.gov>. The website enables grant seekers to electronically find and apply for competitive grants from all federal agencies. Again, for full program information, CFDA numbers are given. The site also allows users to receive e-mail notification of future grant opportunities, to apply for federal grants online through a unified process, and to track their grant application after submission.

Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius unveiled a new feature on **Grants.gov** to help users find and apply for The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant opportunities.

The launch of this Recovery Act feature on the homepage of Grants.gov will direct users to Recovery Act opportunities, other Recovery Act resources, upcoming Webinars and links to www.whitehouse.gov/recovery and www.recovery.gov.